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General J. A. Anderson
Commissioner of Highways
Richmond, Virginia

Dear General Anderson:

Mr. Dulles has recently received letters dated November 20, 1958, from the Honorable John F. Kennedy, United States Senate, and Mr. Philip S. Lowry of Langley, Virginia. Both have written to express their concern over anticipated problems and conditions which may result if Route 123 west of the Langley Fork is to be altered in accordance with a proposed plan of the Virginia Department of Highways.

Since we were not familiar with the proposed construction west of the Langley Fork, we discussed the matter with Messrs. Harris and Harwood of your office before preparing our answer to these letters. We realize that you must consider many factors in addition to our traffic problem, and we therefore have not considered it appropriate to comment on other intended improvements to Route 123 beyond stating that we believe that the presently committed construction of a four-lane road between the Langley Fork and the intersection of the extended George Washington Memorial Parkway will afford adequate access to our site. I am enclosing copies of the letters from Senator Kennedy and Mr. Lowry, in addition to our answers and, as stated, we stand ready to discuss with appropriate Federal, state, and County officials any proposals the Highway Department might advance to meet our needs and which are in the best interests of the community.

The Director or his representative has been invited to discuss our move to the Langley area on the programs of the Citizens Association and other civic groups in the community. In an effort to better our public relationship I have recently attended such a meeting and as you might expect, the proposed road program was of major interest. Other groups are extending similar invitations to us and I should therefore be prepared to discuss in general terms our access from Route 123

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and other features of that section of Route 123 from its intersection with the George Washington Memorial Parkway and the Langley Fork. It would be helpful if I might also have a knowledge of your current planning for Route 123 from Chain Bridge to the McLean area and for Route 193 from the Langley Fork to the Outer Loop and Cabin John Bridge area.

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In view of these pending meetings, I have asked Mr. [redacted] to request this information from appropriate representatives of your office. I assure you that any statements we may make based on our knowledge of your current planning will clearly establish the Department of Highways responsibility, as well as the tentative or preliminary nature of the plans.

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I wish to thank you for the fine cooperation and assistance that we are receiving from you and the members of your staff.

cc: [redacted]
J. E. White
Deputy Director

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